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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, BA, AG, MR
SUBJECT: ALGERIAN ENVOY'S GULF TOUR

1. AMIR TOLD ME MAY 28 THAT ALGERIAN ENVOY ABD AL-HAMID MAHRI HAD CONVEYED "USUAL" MIDDLE EAST MESSAGE FROM ALGERIAN PRESIDENT: NEED FOR ARAB UNITY, DIVISIVENESS OF SADAT INITIATIVE ETC. ON NORTH AFRICAN EVENTS, HOWEVER, AMIR SAID HE DICTATED GROWING ALGERIAN NERVOUSNESS ABOUT FRENCH INTENTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN SHARAN WAR. AMIR SAID HE TOLD MAHRI THAT THOSE WHO WORRY ABOUT GROWING FRENCH MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS OUTCOME WHEN THEY BEGAN THEIR OWN TROUBLE MAKING.

2. AMIR SAID ALGERIANS ARE WORRIED THAT FRANCE WILL
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BE "INVITED" TO PLAY VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN SAHARA, AND OF COURSE NOT ON SIDE OF ALGERIA AND ITS POLISARIO FRIENDS. AMIR SAID ALGERIAN ENVOY WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE WORRIED IF HE KNEW, AS AMIR SAID HE DID, THAT MAURITANIA ALREADY HAS DECIDED TO INVITE FRENCH TO PLAY PRECISELY THE ROLE WHICH ALGERIA FEARS.
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